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SUBJ: ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCES (RSNF) REQUEST FOR LOA: NEAVY
OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT CONTROL UNDER UNDER FMS

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1. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE LOA REQUESTED IN THE REFTEL BE PROCESSED. WE CONCUR FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE USG HAS A COMMITMENT TO THE SAG TO ASSIST IT IN BUILDING A MODEST ARMED FORCE FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. THE LEAST DEVELOPED SERVICE IN SAUDI ARABIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ITS NAVY, AND BECAUSE OF ITS TWO LONG UNPROTECTED COASTLINES AND FAIRLY NARROW SEAS, THE NEAVY URGENTLY NEEDS UPWARDING. A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM-- THE SAUDI NAVAL EXPANSION PROJECT (SNEP)-- IS UNDERWAY TO UPGRADE THE NAVY BY SUPPLYING COASTAL PATROL SHIPS AND OTHER SMALL VESSELS. CONSTRUCTION OF SHORE FACILITIES AND TO TRAIN SAUDI NATIONALS TO RUN THE SHIPS.

2. HOWEVER, THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH SAUDIS TO MAN BOTH THE SHIPS AND THE EXTENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED SHORE-BASED SUPPORT FACILITIES BECAUSE OF THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER. FROM THE BEGINNING THE U.S. NAVY HAS RECOGNIZED THAT CONTRACT PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEEDED TO OPERATE THESE FACILITIES
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UNTIL MORE SAUDIS HAVE COMPLETED THE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

3. WITH OUT AN OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UNDER U.S. NAVY ADMINISTRATION SNEP COULD NOT FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN ITS BEGINNING STAGES, AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO THE SAG THAT THE USG HAD DEFAULTED IN ITS COMMITMENT.
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